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## CECELIA PECK RECOVERED, MAN JAILED.

Quick Work by City and County Authorities in the Abduction Case Results in

## THE ARREST OF ALEX. GIRLEY,

Who Admits Spending the Night With the Little Girl, But His Story is Unlikely

## AND PARTIALLY UNTRUTHFUL.

Physicians Examine the Girl—Hearing To-day—Intelligencer Interviews Girley.

The mystery surrounding the abduction of little eight-year-old Cecelia Peck, who was induced to accompany a strange man to parts unknown Wednesday afternoon, was cleared yesterday morning through the prompt and active efforts of the city and county authorities. As results of this activity the little girl has been restored to her distracted parents and Alex. Girley is confined in the county jail, charged with abduction and attempted criminal assault, which may be changed to-day to criminal assault.

Early yesterday morning, just after the Intelligencer had gone to press, Lieutenant Supple and two officers went over to the island in the patrol wagon, to look up Edward Kelley, of whom information had been received that led to the belief that he was the man wanted. Mr. Kelley, who lives on South York street, below Ohio street, Island, was awakened, and was interviewed by the police lieutenant on his front porch. It was speedily shown that the police had struck a false scent, and the lieutenant at once came to that conclusion and made apologies for having troubled Mr. Kelley. Mr. Kelley is a respected citizen, and the Intelligencer regrets that his name was unfortunately in any way connected with so serious a matter as the Peck abduction.

### The Girl Recovered.

The next development was a telephone message, from Elm Grove to the effect that the child had been placed on an electric car and was en route to the city. She had been placed on the car by a strange man of uncouth appearance. It was stated, Officers Knabe and Dudley went out the line, met the car, and accompanied the little girl to her home in the East End, in the section known as Goose town. Chief of Police Clemens and Mayor Sweeney, accompanied by Dr. W. R. Taylor, then went to the Peck home.

Dr. Taylor at once proceeded to make an examination of the child. An hour later the result was announced; that the girl had been the victim of an attempted criminal assault. On one side of her face were two deep scratches, and on the other three. Both arms are also bruised, as is her body in several places. There was also another indication that criminal assault had been attempted.

To the police the little girl told her story, which was to the effect that while on her way home from school, Wednesday afternoon, she had been approached by a strange man (Girley) who asked her to show him where "Mr. Smith" of East Wheeling, lived. Instead of doing this, the man took her out to East Wheeling, and compelled her to accompany her to a house in Elm Grove, going across the Terminal bridge, through the South Side tunnel, a short distance on Eoff street, and then across the country over two hills, to a house near Elm Grove, where they arrived at night. Going through the tunnel they were seen by a man named "Blackberry" Dixon, who asked the man what he was doing with the girl, and he replied, "That's my daughter." On the South Side the pair were seen by a little boy and girl. Arriving at the house near Elm Grove, says the girl, Girley told the woman he had brought another girl to their home, and she responded that she didn't care. Soon the family retired, the Peck girl sleeping with one of the three little girls of the house. Later Girley came to her and attempted the assault, of which the child gives all the particulars. In her struggles the bruises were sustained. The man nearly choked her, she says.

### Girley Arrested.

The arrest of Girley quickly followed the recovery of the child. It was soon learned that the man had started out the Baltimore & Ohio tracks toward Little Washington. Telegrams requesting his arrest were sent out to all points along the line by Sheriff Richards and Chief Clemens. While these measures were being taken, a message was received that Constables Anderson and Fitzgerald had arrested the man near Point Mills, eleven miles east of the city, on the national pike. Officers Knabe and Dudley soon joined the constables, and the four brought the man to the city. The car was stopped at the corner of Fifteenth and Eoff streets, and the prisoner was hustled into the jail. Quite a crowd had collected and the man was badly frightened, he admitting later that he feared he was about to be lynched. However, there was no demonstration by the crowd, other than the usual exhibition of curiosity.

Girley was taken to the jail office, where newspaper men and police officers and officials had assembled. Mrs. Peck, the mother of the child, with her daughter, was present. Little Cecelia was asked by Chief Clemens to point out the man who had abducted her, and without hesitation she walked up to Girley and designated him as the man, at the same time saying that she had been offered twenty cents by the fellow to show her where the Smiths lived in East Wheeling. Here she was interrupted by Chief Clemens and asked if Girley was the man, and the child answered in the affirmative. At this

point, Mrs. Peck walked up to the prisoner and began berating him excitedly, but she was at once pulled away by an officer.

Warrants were sworn out before Justice Larue and the man was placed in a cell to await a preliminary hearing, which is scheduled to occur to-day.

### A Sketch of Girley.

From William Weaver, a colored man, who drives a team for Joseph Roebrecht, something of Girley's career is learned. Girley married some years since a woman who is a sister of Weaver's wife. According to Weaver, Girley has always been a ne'er do well sort of individual. His mother lives on a house boat at Slacktown, above the city, near the city water works pumping station. Girley, so says Weaver, some years ago stole a mule out on the Peninsula and gave a boy five cents to drive it away, but the mule was recovered by the authorities, and Girley was found guilty of the theft and served a term in jail. After serving his term in jail, Girley returned to this neighborhood, and in a short time was again in trouble, stealing two ponies from a Bridgeport man, and selling them to a man in West Wheeling. For this he was tried and sentenced to serve a term in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus. Coming back from Columbus, his next escapade was the abduction of a young woman whom he took to Fairmont, tramping the entire distance. He went to the home of his former wife, near Fairmont, who had married again, and attempted to pass the woman as his newly wedded wife. His former wife declined to allow them to stay at her house. They left and disappeared. Next Girley is said to have abducted a Salvation Army girl from Little Washington, his plan being to profess religion violently and thus ingratiate himself into the good graces of the Salvationists. This girl he brought to Wheeling, and here placed her on a flat boat, over which he erected a rude covering of canvas, and filled with bedclothes. In this craft the pair are alleged to have poled up the river last summer when the stream was at a low stage, finally reaching Wheeling Junction, opposite Steubenville. Here Samuel Adams rescued the girl from Girley's clutches, first taking her to his own home, and later sent her back to friends in Pennsylvania. After this, Girley disappeared, says Weaver, and was next heard from in Pennsylvania, writing to his mother and claiming that he had been arrested for abducting the Salvation Army girl. He asked that money be sent to get him out of the trouble. And now he comes to notice again with a more serious charge against him.

Girley's mother married a second time, her husband's name being Mulligan. Over in Martin's Ferry Girley is known as Alex. Mulligan, taking the name from his step-father.

### Girley Interviewed.

Yesterday afternoon an Intelligencer reporter called at the county jail, and through the courtesy of Jailer McCormick was given an opportunity to talk with Girley. Girley was called out from the cell department, and took a seat near the large window in the office fronting on Fifteenth street. He is a man apparently forty years of age, has black hair and smooth face, of medium height, wears a suit of shabby clothes, covered with grease. His features are bad, and do not impress one favorably. He was still badly frightened, and before talking he wanted to know how serious was the crime he is alleged to have committed. Being assured that it was not very serious he consented to talk. First he said:

"I thought they were going to lynch me when they brought me here."

Girley's story was in effect that the little girl had accosted him on Market street, and insisted on accompanying him. Several times, he says, he commanded her to go home to her mother, and says the girl replied that she wanted to go with him, and that she could return home when she wanted to. He alleges that they did not spend the night at a house near Elm Grove, as told by the girl. Instead, he says they spent the night in the Elm Grove coal shaft.

"But, isn't it cold there?"

"No, it isn't. I knew there was a warm place there."

Girley proceeded to make a most improbable allegation against the girl. Although admitting that he was drunk, he denies having done anything wrong. His allegations respecting the little girl are both vile and impossible, and are clearly made up out of the whole cloth. He said they left the coal shaft about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and that he placed her on the Elm Grove car, giving her the money with which to pay her fare. Then he says he started out the pike en route to Little Washington, but denies that this was an attempt to escape. He was going to Washington, he said, to see friends, and speaking of his arrest near Point Mills, added:

"I was never more surprised at anything in my life when they arrested me."

Before the reporter left, Girley again inquired as to how serious was the crime he is alleged to have committed, and he was in a very uneasy state of mind.

### Another Examination.

Late in the afternoon, at the request of Sheriff H. C. Richards and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Frank W. Nesbitt, another examination of the Peck child was made, this one by Drs. W. R. Taylor, Will McLain and W. P. McGrail. It occurred at the Peck home in East Wheeling, and in addition to the physicians, Messrs. Richards and Nesbitt were present. Last night Dr. Taylor was asked as to the result of the examination, and he gave it as his opinion that their report to Justice Larue to-day would likely be the moving cause of changing the charge against Girley from attempted criminal assault to criminal assault, for the reason that the second examination had developed a condition that was more serious than at first brought out.

### Piedmont Elections.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PIEDMONT, W. Va., Jan. 4.—J. W. W. Davis defeated Wilson M. Noulk, for mayor by thirty-six majority. W. S. Smallwood and Harry B. Souders were elected councilmen for two years, and Martin F. O'Brien for one year. Edward Ogorman was elected recorder, being on both tickets. Light vote cast,

## BROCKUNIER'S GREAT GOLD DISCOVERIES

In Western Ontario the Subject of an Investigation by Mr. Walpole Roland,

## THE NOTED MINING EXPERT.

He Says the Field Is Rich in Gold-Bearing Quarts and Rapidly Developing.

Many Wheeling people are interested in the gold mining venture of the Virginia Gold Mining Company, of which Edward W. Stifel is president and Sam Hugh Brockunier secretary and general manager. The company was organized as a result of the discoveries made in the wild region of western Ontario by Mr. Brockunier. The following from Rat Portage, Ont., telling of the investigations by Mr. Walpole Roland, the noted mining expert, will be read with interest, showing that the richness of the field has not been exaggerated:

Mr. Walpole Roland, the well known mining and civil engineer, has just returned to Rat Portage, Ontario, from a trip to the Virginia Mine country, in western Ontario. Mr. Roland is very favorably impressed with the prospects of this country; when interviewed, he said that four large companies were rapidly developing their properties and that all unlocated land is being quickly covered with claims by prospectors, so that what was a barren wilderness when Mr. Brockunier discovered the Virginia two years ago, is now rapidly becoming a developed territory and it is estimated that 300 men will be employed at the mines there during the winter. Even the inevitable squatter and his shanty hotel are to be found, breaking the monotony of the long drive with his house of entertainment.

Mr. Roland says that Messrs. Brockunier and Sullivan (the latter manager of the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates Co.) are the leading spirits in that section. By their action two boat lines were induced to run to Whitefish Portage, twenty miles from the mines, where connection is made with boats of the Virginia Mining Company. To further facilitate shipping they built a warehouse at Whitefish Portage. For the winter season they have organized a weekly stage line from Rat Portage to the mines. By their efforts the attention of the government was called to the desirability of a dam at Whitefish; surveys have been made and the Crown Land Commissioner assures that this dam will be built in the spring. This will give slack water navigation to all the mines and at the same time furnish water power sufficient to run all adjacent mines. Mr. Sullivan intends to put a large boat on the Lake of the Woods at the opening of navigation and connect at the dam with Mr. Brockunier's line of boats on Whitefish and Sturgeon lakes. The dam will do away entirely with the dangers of running Dog Paw Rapids in the Virginia Mining Company's naphtha launch.

Speaking particularly of the "Lizale" mine, Mr. Roland said in part: "At date of my visit to the Virginia gold mine the work of sinking on contract, by hand drilling, had obtained a total depth in No. 1 shaft of 204 feet. At 200 feet the second adit level was commenced and had been driven on the vein a distance of eight feet. The No. 1 shaft from top to bottom is conspicuous for the excellence of its work, both timbering and mining being noted for skill. At fifty feet down the water level of Elizabeth lake is reached. This distance is also noted for excellent values in native gold; at a depth of ten feet from the top of the shaft the ore is exceptionally rich in native gold. From the water line to the first level at 100 feet, the ore panned fairly and continued uniform. From 100 feet down the assays, which I am not at liberty to give, increased regularly in value. From the foregoing facts it will be inferred that the contracts just finished by Mr. Rayburn (the late manager during Mr. Brockunier's absence) have been attained with satisfactory results. Relative to the enormous ore chute exposed by cross cutting north and south a distance of 140 feet at the 100 foot level, it may be placed on record that wherever tested by a long series of pannings, the results were invariably good."

The property of the Virginia Mining Company, of which E. W. Stifel is president and S. H. Brockunier, secretary, comprises nine claims with a grand total of 567 acres, all of which are traversed by a series of quartz veins, upon which no development work has yet been carried on.

### Prominent Citizen Dead.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Henry C. Baker, a prominent business man of the town, died to-day of Bright's disease of the kidneys, aged sixty-five years. He leaves four children, one of them E. E. Baker, of the Baker Specialty Company, of Pittsburgh.

### Died After Leaving Witness Chair.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—While testifying to-day for her husband, Louis Gordon, on trial in the court of general sessions, for stealing a watch, Mrs. Mary Gordon, aged forty, fell from the chair in an apoplectic fit and was taken from the room dying. She protested earnestly that her husband was innocent, and when she was cross-examined her nervousness and excitement increased until suddenly she fell over. The jury was deeply impressed and acquitted Gordon. Mrs. Gordon died without regaining consciousness.

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